

NEWSLETTER



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This week is Reconciliation Week. The Orange School Education Group and the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group marked the occasion with a public signing of the partnership agreement established between the states Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and the Department of Education and Communities. The signing was held at Bletchington Public School and was well attended by school and community representatives.

Although we came second in the Malynley Shield the 'Gosford visit' was a great success. Students and staff enjoyed the opportunities to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. As always, the visit was followed by lots of phone calls and emails for me, praising our students. I thought I'd share excerpts from one email: *'Just wanted to let you know how impressed we were with the two Year 12 boys who stayed with us last week. They were an absolute delight to have around the house! We didn't think they made teenagers who were as polite and communicative as that!'*

Emails such as this reinforce what we already know – we have amazing students at Orange High School.

We also have amazing teachers with huge work ethics. This weekend our English Head Teacher, Kathleen Maksymczuk is presenting a workshop for public and now government school teachers. The workshop will focus on teaching exam techniques to Year 12 students. We sometimes forget how much time teachers devote to improving their craft.

Last Monday's subject information evening was well attended by parents and Year 10 students. I hope that it was beneficial. The subject selection sheet is due back to Ms Teitzel on Monday, 4th June. Interviews with the Senior Executive or Head Teacher Administration will be scheduled for Monday 25th June. Please don't hesitate to contact one of us if you

have questions concerning your child's choices before then.

Term 2 is always a busy time of year for the creative and performing arts and sports. It's imperative that students organise themselves to ensure they catch up on work missed when representing the school. I am constantly impressed with our student's ability to do this, however a few need extra support. Please encourage your child to ask for assistance, from their teachers if they need it.

As always please contact the school if you have any concerns or queries.

M Angus, Principal

AWARDS PRESENTED TO ART COMPETITION WINNERS

Ms Cath Thompson – Market Manager for Orange Region Farmers Market and one of the chief organisers for the inaugural Orange Apple Festival held on the weekend of the 11th – 13th May, came to Orange High on Monday to present awards to our nine winners of the Art Competition which was exhibited at the Orange Farmers Market held on the festival weekend.



This festival featured all things APPLE, from orchard tours, cooking classes, dinners, golfing tournaments

and school activities. Below is a photo showing Ms Cath Thompson, holding Briah Trefry's artwork - with Isobel Coady-Jear, Imogen Hunter, Ana Palu, Gemma Sattler, Georgie Clarke, Lachlan Barresi, Lydia Parker and Jessica Healand.

S Chapman, Art Department

WELFARE WORDS


- Year 12 Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted on Monday 4th June, between 6 - 7.30pm. The booking system is now open and you should have received a letter home with a log-in number, so please go online and book a time. Alternatively, if you do not have internet at home, you can ring the school and an appointment can be made. It is an opportunity to touch base with your child's teachers in the run-up to the HSC. Reports will be sent home early next week.
- Remember to have your diary out on your desks each lesson to remind staff to sign when you go beyond their expectations in work, achievement or service.
- *Raising Caring, Capable Kids with Habits of Mind* is a book that offers wonderful support for parents across the world who want to help their children succeed and thrive. There are practical tips that apply to daily life with children – everything from managing homework to resolving arguments between siblings to encouraging the reluctant child. For further information email: info@spectrumeducation.com

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

FACULTY NEWS

Year 11

Applications are now being sought for the 2013 Orange Ex-Services Club Year 12 Scholarship. This scholarship is valued at \$500 and will be paid to one successful student.



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